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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION TO ACT AS A RISK PURCHASING GROUP IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

This packet is designed to assist the individual preparing the application in complying with our requirements and procedures. The forms and procedures of the application process are designed to facilitate our review of the application. Therefore, it is extremely important that all applicants comply fully with the instructions and requirements set forth in this packet.

All communication should be directed to:

Louisiana Department of Insurance Company Licensing Division P.O. Box 94214 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9214

Phone: (225) 219-7549 Fax: (225) 219-9322

E-mail Address: <a href="mailto:gbuchanan@ldi.state.la.us">gbuchanan@ldi.state.la.us</a>

While our Department will be happy to assist you and answer any questions you may have, we ask that you thoroughly review all instructions and forms before contacting us.

- 1) All submittals in association with this application must reach us via the United States Postal Service or a carrier with interstate business. Hand delivery is not acceptable and any information arriving in this manner will be returned without review. In addition, all correspondence must be sent to the attention of the Company Licensing Division to assure prompt receipt and handling.
- 2) Submit only a fully completed application. Submittal of a partially completed application will cause processing delays and may result in disapproval.
- 3) <u>Do not alter</u> the forms contained in this packet. If you feel the requirements do not apply to your company, notify us. We will supply the proper form, if appropriate, and/or answer any questions you have about the forms

- 4) All original items submitted become the property of the Louisiana Department of Insurance and will not be returned.
- 5) All entries in the application forms must be typed or printed. Illegible entries or responses will be considered incomplete and may result in the disapproval of the application.
- 6) When designating a contact person for the application process, please remember that our staff will communicate only with that individual. The application process is considered confidential and will not be discussed with any person other than the named contact person. We must be notified in writing of any change in the contact person.
- 7) We must be notified of any changes in the company or the information submitted in association with this application which occurs while the application is under review. This includes changes in officers and directors and changes in address or domicile. Failure to notify us of such changes may result in disapproval of the application.
- 8) Unless otherwise indicated in the forms, all applicants must supply all items requested in this packet. If, for some reason, an item which would otherwise be required is not available, a written explanation must be supplied upon submission.
- 9) All of the pages from the enclosed Application must be returned with the submittal. The forms may be reproduced as needed.
- 10) It is the responsibility of the applicant to insure that none of the responses and submittals in association with this application conflict with the information filed with the domiciliary state. Conflicting information will result in the disapproval of the application.

#### FILING OF RATES AND FORMS

If the applicant group will be purchasing insurance from a company admitted in Louisiana, the rates and forms must be filed with the appropriate divisions of this Department before the group begins doing business. Use of rates and forms which have not been approved by this Department is a violation of the Insurance Code and will be treated as such.

#### NOTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION

This Department will notify the applicant when the registration process is complete. Until the company receives this notification, it is not registered in this state and may not transact business in this state.

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#### **COMMON QUESTIONS**

The following are some of the most commonly asked questions regarding the application package and process.

- Q: Where can I find the laws and regulations governing insurance in Louisiana?
- A: Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes is the Louisiana Insurance Code and most laws enacted by the Louisiana Legislature which affect insurers and insurance can be found in that Title. Copies of the Louisiana Insurance Code can be obtained from private printing companies which specialize in statutory printing. In addition to the statutes, the Commissioner of Insurance has issued many regulations, rules and directives. Copies of these items may also be obtained from publishers specializing in printing legal and regulatory documents. One such company is given below.

National Insurance Law Service P.O. Box 2507 Chatsworth, CA 91313 1-800-423-5910

- Q: What is the time-frame for the review of an application?
- A: This Department makes every effort to review all applications as soon after submittal as possible. The review process can be expected to take from thirty (30) to sixty (60) days <u>from receipt of a complete application</u>. Please take this time-frame into account when considering deadlines and operation schedules for the applicant.
- Q: We began filing an application previously but never completed the registration process. Can we use any of the documentation submitted in association with that application again?
- A: No. Once an application is disapproved, for any reason, the file is closed and the information submitted cannot be used in subsequent applications.
- Q: Can the forms in the application packet be recreated on a word processor for completion by the applicant?
- A: No. The forms in this packet are designed for ease of recognition by our staff and, in many cases, in strict compliance with statutory wording requirements. Therefore, any changes in the format or wording of the forms will cause delays in the review and may lead to the disapproval of the application. HOWEVER, Upon request the Department can make arrangements to send the forms via e-mail in Microsoft Word ® format. ANY changes to the content of the form will result in the immediate disapproval of the application and forfeiture of all fees.

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#### **COMMON QUESTIONS CONTINUED**

- Q: Can we meet with the Department for a preliminary review of our application prior to submission?
- A: Yes. Our staff will be happy to meet with representatives of the applicant to review the application before it is actually submitted. It should be noted, however, that this courtesy review is to help assure completeness only and our Division will not issue a preliminary approval or disapproval of the application prior to submission. Any application sent to this Office via U.S. Mail will be considered submitted for review and will not be eligible for a pre-review. You may make an appointment for preliminary review by contacting the Company Licensing Division of the Louisiana Department of Insurance. Preliminary reviews will be performed only with an appointment.
- Q: If the group is placing business with an insurer which is an approved surplus lines insurer in Louisiana, must the business be placed through a licensed surplus lines broker?
- A: Yes. All business placed with a surplus lines company in Louisiana must be placed using a surplus lines broker licensed in Louisiana.



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General Information (Type or Print)		
COMPANY NAME:		
FEIN NO.: DOMICILE:		
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:		
CONTACT NAME†: CONTACT TITLE:		
HONE: FACSIMILE:		
CONTACT ADDRESS:		
E-MAIL:		
† This Office will only communicate with the named contact person.		
FEES		
Initial Application *	\$	100.00
Total Amount This Check		
* If the domiciliary state of the group charges an amount greater than \$100.00 for registration of a Louisiana domiciled purchase fee for registration in Louisiana is equal to that greater fee.	asing gro	oup the

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# SECTION 1 - LIST OF INSURERS FROM WHICH THE GROUP IS PURCHASING

Below provide the name and NAIC number of each insurer from which the group will be purchasing

COMPANIES FROM WHICH PURCHASING (List all companies from which group is purchasing)		
Company Name	Domicile	FEIN

#### **SECTION 2 - OFFICIAL LIST OF MANAGEMENT AND OWNERS**

Below give the name, social security number, resident address, position and percent of ownership of all persons responsible for the conduct of affairs of the applicant. This list should include all officers, all directors, all partners (in the case of a partnership), all trustees, all executive committee members and all person(s) owning, directly or indirectly, five percent or more of the applicant and any other person who exercises control or influence over the affairs of the applicant.

NAME:		S.S.#:	
STREET:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
POSITION:		OWNERSHIP %:	
NAME:		S.S.#:	
STREET:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
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NAME:		S.S.#:	
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NAME:		S.S.#:	
STREET:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
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#### **SECTION 3 - ATTACHMENTS**

In order to be processed, this application must have the following items attached.

EXHIBIT A - LETTER OF GOOD STANDING from the proper official of the domiciliary state confirming registration of the group as a <u>purchasing group</u> in that state. This letter should be sent directly to this Office from the proper official of the domiciliary state.

EXHIBIT B - APPOINTMENT OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS form properly completed.

#### **SECTION 4 - INTERROGATORIES**

All of the following questions must be answered for every applicant.

1) Has the applicant ever had an application denied by any insurance regulatory authority? (If yes, attach an explanation.)	☐ YES	□NO
2) Has the applicant ever been subject to any regulatory action including cease and desist orders or similar actions? (If yes, attach an explanation.)	YES	□NO
3) Has the applicant ever changed its name? (If yes, attach an explanation.)	☐ YES	□NO
4) Has any person who is presently an officer, director or owner of 10% or more of the applicant ever been convicted or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or found liable of indictment or information in any jurisdiction charging a felony or misdemeanor other than minor traffic violations? (If yes, attach an explanation.)	□YES	□NO
5) Does the group have as one of its purposes the purchase of liability insurance on a group basis?	☐ YES	□NO
6) Will the group be purchasing such liability insurance only for its members and only to cover their similar or related liability exposure as described in this application?	☐ YES	□NO
7) Is the applicant presently licensed as an insurance agent or broker in any state or jurisdiction? (If yes, attach an explanation.)	YES	□NO

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#### **SECTION 5 - GENERAL INFORMATION**

1) Give a ge	neral description of the common business or activities engaged in by the group members.	
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2) Give a lis	t of the lines and classifications of liability insurance which the group will be purchasing.	
	name and address and Louisiana License number of the agent through which the group will be purchasing i	
If t	the group will be purchasing from a surplus lines company, give the name, address and Louisiana license rebroker from which the group will be purchasing.	number o
uie	broker from which the group will be purchasing.	
	License #	

#### **NOTARIZATION**

STATE OF	
COUNTY OR PARISH OF	
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared	
who, after being duly sworn, d and all attachments thereto is, to the best of his knowledge, tr	id depose and say that all information contained in this application rue, complete and correct.
	Signature of Group President
Witness' Printed Name	Printed Name of Group President
Witness' Signature	Signature of Group Secretary
Witness' Printed Name	Printed Name of Group Secretary
SWORN TO and subscribed before me this	day of
	Notary Public's Signature
	Notary Public's Printed Name
	My Commission Expires

ANY FALSE OR MATERIAL MISSTATEMENTS MADE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THIS APPLICATION MAY BE A VIOLATION OF 42 USCA 1033 (a) (1).

### Risk Purchasing Group Retaliatory Fee Schedule

Only states with fees that are greater than those imposed by Louisiana Law are included herein. If a state is not listed the annual renewal fee is \$50.00. All determinations are made based upon the state of domicile of the group as indicated in the application.

If domiciled in	Annual renewal fee is
Alaska	\$200.00
Arkansas	\$100.00
California	\$200.00
Idaho	\$100.00
Maine	\$100.00
Massachusetts	\$125.00
Nebraska	\$100.00
New Mexico	\$200.00
Oregon	\$100.00
Oklahoma	\$400.00
Utah	\$100.00
Washington D.C.	\$250.00
West Virginia	\$100.00
Wyoming	\$200.00

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#### APPOINTMENT OF AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR LOUISIANA FOR A RISK PURCHASING GROUP

KNOW ALL YE PERSONS BY	THESE PRESENTS:			
That the			_of the	of
in the State of		now authorized or having app	olied for authority to t	ransact
business in the State of Louisiana	, in conformity with the insuran	ce law thereof, does hereby m	ake, constitute and ap	point the
Commissioner of Insurance of sa	d State, or his successor in offic	e, its true and lawful ATTOR	NEY, in and for the S	tate of
Louisiana, on whom process of la	w, whether menses or final, aga	inst said		
may be served in any action or sp	ecial proceedings in the State of	Louisiana, subject to and in	accordance with all th	e provisions
and statutes and laws in said Stat	e of Louisiana, and such other a	cts as may be hereafter passe	d amendatory thereof	, and
supplementary thereto. And the	said Attorney is hereby duly aut	thorized and empowered, as t	he Agent of said	
to receive and accept service of properties	<u>.</u>	· ,		
Louisiana.	IN WITNESS WHED	REOF, The said		iı
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	has to these presents	affixed its Corporate Seal, an	d caused the same to	be subscribed
	and attested by its Pro	esident and Secretary at the C	City of	
		in the State of	on the	
	day of	, A.D. 20		
Secretary's Signature		Preside	nt's Signature	
Secretary's P	rinted Name	President	's Printed Name	

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STATE OF	
COUNTY OF	
CITY OF	
On this day of A.D. 20	, before me, the subscriber, a
duly appointed to take the proof and acknowledgement of	Deeds and other instruments came
	President, and
	Secretary, of
to me personally known to be the individuals described in	and who executed the preceding instruments; and they each duly
acknowledged the execution of the same; and being by me	each duly sworn, severally, and each for himself, deposeth and saith,
that they are the said officers of the	
aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instru	ment is the Corporate Seal of the said
	and that the said Corporate Seal
and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and	subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the
said	<del>.</del>
Witness' Signature	Company President's Signature
Witness' Printed Name	Company President's Printed Name
Witness' Signature	Company Secretary's Signature
Witness' Printed Name	Company Secretary's Printed Name
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	Notary Public's Printed Name
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	a quorum of the	e said Board was present and on	motion the following Resolution was duly passed by said
Board:			
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			ne State of Louisiana, or his successor in office, its true and
lawful ATTOI			process of law, whether mesne or final, against said
			may be served in any action or
special proceed	dings against said		in
the State of Lo	ouisiana, subject to and	l in accordance with all the prov	isions of the insurance laws of the State of Louisiana; and the
said attorney i	s duly authorized and	empowered, as the Agent of said	1
to receive and	accept service of proc	ess in all cases as provided by th	e laws of the State of Louisiana, and such service shall be
deemed valid p	personal service upon	said	<u> </u>
This appointm	nent to continue in forc	e for the period of time and in t	ne manner provided by the statutes of the State of
Louisiana.''			
	I	HEREBY CERTIFY, That the a	above is a correct copy of the Resolution of the Directors
		of	authorizing
		appointment of an Attor	ney for the State of Louisiana.
		_	Company Secretary's Signature
		_	Company Secretary's Printed Name